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RE: UNITED STATES v. ALBERTO CRUZ

United States Attorney Michael A. Battle announced that ALBERTO CRUZ, age 32, of Buffalo, New York, was sentenced by United States District Judge John T. Elfvin for robbing the M&T Bank at 130 Grant Street, Buffalo on September 21, 2004 and the Key Bank at 52 Amherst Street, Buffalo, New York on September 28, 2004.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Marie P. Grisanti said that Cruz received a sentence of 115 months for each robbery which will run concurrently. Ms. Grisanti said that Cruz threatened the bank teller in each case claiming he had a bomb.

The conviction was the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, under the direction of Special Agent in Charge Peter J. Ahearn, and the Buffalo Police Department.

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